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LITERATURE OF THE DAY.

ANCIENT.

A writer in the London Times says: "It is

not the introduction of ancestry is absolutely

intolerable. When I see that lateral

chapter headed "Retrospective," I pass

over to the other side, like the Levite, only

quicker. What do I care whether "our

hero's" grandfather was Archbishop of Can-

terbury or a professional body-snatcher? I

don't even care which of the two was my

own personal friend's grandfather, and how

much less can I take an interest in the

imaginary progenitor of the creation of an

author's brain? The introduction of such a

showless shadow is to my mind the height

of impertinence. If I were Mr. Madin, I

would put my foot down resolutely and

stamp out this literary plague. As George

fill, who had an objection to commerce, is

said to have observed when asked to confer

a baronetcy on one of the Broadwood fam-

ily, "As you were there is not a piano in

it?" so should Mr. Madin, I think, of the

publisher before taking copies of a novel,

"Are you sure there is not a grandfather in

it?"

Again, what a nuisance is ancestry in our

social life! It cannot, unhappily, be done

away with as a fact, but surely it need not

be a topic. How often have I been asked

by some fair neighbor at a dinner party,

"Is that Mr. Jones opposite one of the

Joneses of Bedfordshire?" One's first im-

pulse is naturally to ask, "What, on earth

is that to you or me?" But experienced

tearless politeness, and I reply with reser-

vation, "Yes, of Bedfordshire," which at all

events puts a stop to argument upon the

matter. Moreover, she seems to derive

some sort of mysterious satisfaction from

the information, and it is always well to

give pleasure.

A well-known wit once in company with

one of the Cavendishes, who had lately

been to America, was recounting his expe-

riences. "These republican people have

such funny names," he said; "I met there

a man by the name of Birdseye." "Well,

and is not that just as good as Cavendish?"